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TOPIC Schoenhauser Damm Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 19 June 1953, source determined that Schoenhauser Damm airfield which was completely sodded was surrounded by a barbed-wire fence and bordered on woods to the north, south and east. There were no buildings at the field which was unguarded.
2. At Wudicke railroad station, Soviet soldiers with black-bordered blue epaulets under the supervision of an officer with blue-bordered golden epaulets were unloading runway mats from a boxcar by means of a mobile crane. A total of 480 piles of about 20 runway mats each were observed on the loading ramp. The size of the runway mats was estimated at 300 x 80 cm. The piles were about 1 meter high and were held together by steel bands with holes at their ends in which the crane hooked in when lifting the pile. Source furnished a sketch of such a pile.

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Comment. It was believed that the improvement of Schoenhauser Damm airfield was completed in late May 1953. However, the unloading of runway mats indicates that an improvised runway will be established. For sketch of a pile of runway mats, see Annex.

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Annex to

File of Runway Mats Observed at Wudicke Railroad Station
on 19 June 1953

Note. The surface of the sheet-metal plates could not be definitely observed. One longitudinal side of the plate was straight while the other longitudinal side had grooves. Each pile consisted of about 20 gray-green runway mats.

